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GENEVA FOR CCD AND CTB DELS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, IO  
SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM IV: INITIAL CONSULTATIONS

1. WESTERN DESL MET IN THE BARTON GROUP MORNING OF JAN 23  
UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF CANADIAN PERMREP BARTON TO DISCUSS WESTERN  
PREPARATIONS FOR FOURTH SSOD PREPCOM. CONSENSUS OF GROUP  
WAS THAT PRIORITY TASK SHOULD BE TO CONSOLIDATE REVISED  
UK DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION (COPY SENT TO IO AND ACDA)  
AND EARLIER WESTERN DRAFT, PREPARED BY AUSTRALIA, CANADA,  
NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY, FOR REVIEW BY ENTIRE BARTON GROUP  
AT ITS NEXT MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING  
JANUARY 25. US JOINED NUMBER OF STATES IN SUGGESTING  
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THAT A DRAFT, PREFERABLY BASED ON UK DRAFT, BE TABLED AT  
EARLY DATE TO COMPLEMENT NON-ALIGNED AND EAST EUROPEAN  
DRAFT PROGRAMS OF ACTION. AMB. ASHE (UK) TOLD WEILER  
LATER UK MAY NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN EARLY CLEARANCE TO  
TABLE REVISED TEXT ON PROGRAM OF ACTION SINCE CURRENT UK TEXT  
HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. NORWAY REPORTED  
THAT NON-ALIGNED GROUP INTENDS TO TABLE ITS DRAFT

PROGRAM OF ACTION WITH UN SECRETARIAT THIS WEEK.

2. REGARDING METHOD OF WORK OF FOURTH PREPCOM, USREP (WEILER) SUGGESTED THREE TIERS OF MEETINGS: A. FORMAL MEETINGS TO OPEN AND CLOSE SESSION AND AS NECESSARY IN INTERIM TO PLACE STATEMENTS OR DECISIONS ON RECORD; B. INFORMAL MEETINGS OF WHOLE COMMITTEE ON REGULAR BASIS FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS; AND C. CONTACT GROUPS OF SMALLER NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO WORK OUT DRAFTING DETAILS OF DOCUMENTS. HE INDICATED US WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL CONTACT GROUPS. WESTERN DELS WERE DIVIDED ON BEST WAY TO FORM DRAFTING GROUPS, WITH FRG AND OTHERS FAVORING SINGLE OPEN-ENDED CONTACT GROUP WORKING SEPARATELY ON TEXTS AND NORWAY FAVORING TWO SIMULTANEOUS CONTACT GROUPS.

3. REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DOCUMENT ON UN AND OTHER MULTILATERAL MACHINERY FOR DISARMAMENT, MOST REPS FAVORED EARLY WORK ON A WESTERN PAPER ON MACHINERY. NORWAY SAID IT IS WORKING ON SUCH A DRAFT, WHICH IT WILL PRESENT TO BARTON GROUP AT LATER DATE.

4. IN AFTERNOON MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR LEONARD AND WEILER, PRECOM CHAIRMAN ORTIZ DE ROZAS OUTLINED HIS PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON THE WORK PROGRAM FOR PREPCOM IV. INDICATING THAT THIS WAS HIS FIRST IN A ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH MAJOR DELS, ORTIZ SAID HIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO ATTAIN AD-REFERENDUM AGREEMENT BY PREPCOM MEMBERS ON AT LEAST 80 PERCENT OF THE SSOD TEXTS BY THE END OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS SESSION. THE REMAINDER OF THE DRAFTING WORK, ON AREAS WHERE AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED NOW, WOULD TAKE PLACE AT PREPCOM V OR AT THE SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF. MOREOVER, ORTIZ ADDED, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE TEXTS HAD TO BE LEFT OPEN FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OR MORE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD WANT TO ANNOUNCE INITIATIVES AT THE SSOD THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN ACCOUNT OF IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION.

5. BEFORE THE END OF THE 32ND UNGA, ORTIZ CONTINUED, HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A CONCORDANCE OF THE DRAFTS OF THE MAJOR GROUPS (ON THE DECLARATION, THE PROGRAM OF ACTION, ETC.). IT WAS HIS HOPE THAT A PRELIMINARY VERSION OF THIS CONCORDANCE WOULD BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY AS THE BASIS FOR THE DRAFTING EXERCISE. THE CONCORDANCE WOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED AS NEW DRAFTS BECAME AVAILABLE. IN GENERAL, ORTIZ SAID, HIS IMMEDIATE GOAL WOULD BE TO IDENTIFY TOPICS OR SUBJECTS ON WHICH BROAD AGREEMENT ALREADY EXISTED, AND ASK A DRAFTING GROUP TO WORK OUT AD-REFERENDUM LANGUAGE. ON OTHER AREAS WHERE THERE CLEARLY WAS DISAGREEMENT, ORTIZ WOULD TRY TO FOCUS CONSULTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER DIFFERENCES CAN BE NARROWED DOWN OR

RECONCILED. THE APPROACH WOULD BE PRAGMATIC AND FLEXIBLE.  
7. LEONARD AND WEILER ENCOURAGED ORTIZ TO TAKE A FIRM  
LEAD, AND TO PREVENT THE DISCUSSION FROM GETTING BOGGED  
DOWN. AMONG THE SUBJECTS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE RSOLVED  
EARLY ON, THEY SAID, WAS WHETHER THE PROGRAM OF ACTION  
SHOULD BE LONG-TERM OR SHORT-TERM AND ALSO WHAT ITS  
RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE TO THE CCD EFFORT TO DRAFT A COM-  
PREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM; THEY ADDED THAT US FAVORED  
SHORT-TERM APPROACH. ORTIZ WELCOMED THESE SUGGESTIONS;  
AND IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT AS  
THE DRFTING EXERCISE PROCEEDED.  
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